

REMARKS

Claims 1-102 are pending in the present application.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-102 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/012,586. Based upon an October 14, 2005, teleconference with Examiner Philogene, Applicants understand that the '586 application has been withdrawn from allowance due to the filing of an RCE (and Information Disclosure Statement) in that case. Examiner Philogene indicated that, because the '586 has been withdrawn from allowance, it would no longer be considered as an application that can be used as the basis of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request withdraw of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in the present application.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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